

# The Brethren Evangelist, THE BRETHREN CHURCH PAPER, Ashland, Ohio.

## The Church and Field.

Bro. N. George Keim, a former student of Ashland College, has engaged in the mercantile business at Meyersdale.

We have learned that J. K. Reiner has resigned his position as pastor of the Philadelphia Church, in favor of a successor, yet to be chosen.

Deacon George Seicrist, of Beech Grove, Ohio, a conservative with a progressive "true inwardness" gave the sanctum a call last week. He has taken an agency for the Live Stock Insurance association of this place.

We are called upon to define "spotza," as we used the word last week without authority from Webster or the Bible. The word is a provincialism, confined to Somerset Co., Pa., and applies to a product of the maple sugar camp.

Professor Jacob Keim, formerly of Ashland College, has gone to Emmons county, Da., accompanied by his little son, Ollie, to make preparations to move his family to that place in the near future.

Elder E. L. Yoder preached at Aukentown last Sunday, and expects to fill another appointment at that place on the tenth of May. The appointments will be held in the school house until the new meeting house is built.

We learn from the *Emmons County Record*, that brother John Worst conducted the first church services held in Williamsport, Dakota, April 12th. The editor speaks very highly of the sermon. The meetings are to be continued twice a month during the summer.

Elder Mallott has mapped out a program of appointments for Indiana during May. His appointments in his own church will be filled by adjoining ministers in his absence. We hope to hear of good results from this arrangement, especially from Indiana.

Bro. D. J. Meyers was away on a business trip last week through Medina county, and on his way he stopped at Homer, and attended the Brethren prayer meeting. He reports the members of the church there fully alive to their religious duties. Their week-day prayer-meetings are well attended and all the members take an active part.

Bro. Joseph Michael, of Lawrence, Kansas, has been acting the part of a good shepherd by visiting and gathering in the scattered sheep of the fold. He has, no doubt, performed a much needed and a noble work. Only wolves will scatter the flock, shepherds will gather them together. We should have many more shepherds to counteract the mischief that is being done by the wolves.

Bro. Kilhefner called at the sanctum last Saturday to call our attention to the mistake we made in publishing a notice of his intended ministerial visit to West Independence. It made no difference, however, as he missed the train, and not being able to declare his independence from railroads, he took the liberty to remain at home. He will try to go to West Independence next Saturday.

"BASOR'S REPLY TO CALVERT," will be published in the BRETHREN EVANGELIST, beginning with May 13th. Calvert's sermon is endorsed by the Gospel Messenger and Bruderbote as defining the difference between the Brethren Church and the Modern Progression, and brother Bashor's is an elaborate and able reply, that should be circulated not only among the Brethren but among the German Baptists. Those securing the reply will also have the main part of Calvert's sermon as Bro. Bashor quotes largely from it. Send in your orders now. For two copies of the EVANGELIST containing the sermon, 10 cts. Ten copies of each number to one address, 50 cents.

LANARK, ILL., April 20.—We organized Sabbath school at the Bethlehem church a few weeks ago, with prospects for a good school. The second Sunday we had eighty-one members present, and yesterday seventy-two. We will probably average seventy-five. Are at work as hard as ever. All well.

Z. T. LIVENGOOD.

SISKIYOU COUNTY, CAL., April 13.—We are a little band at this place. We have no church organization here and no minister to preach to us the blessed Gospel, but God has still been with us and has blessed us. I have been a member of the church for four years; I became a member when Brother Bashor was in California. There are five members here and we long for a preacher. Please let us know brother Bashor's address.

S. IVES.

FORT JONES, CAL., April 13.—Our family takes the EVANGELIST, and I feel it my duty to write for it. We are alone here in this valley without a church organization or minister. We came here from Humboldt county, where we had church privileges. I believe if we had a minister here we could soon start a church here. This is what I have often wished for. I feel that we are needy, but Jesus is near to help the needy. I trust in him and want to hold out faithful, notwithstanding my surroundings. I ask an interest in the prayers of our brethren in the East. I have a son out of the ark of safety. I am concerned about him. Your sister in the One faith.

C. O. McCOMBS.

SPRING MOUNT, PA.—The readers of the EVANGELIST at this place are very much pleased with the paper. It develops our minds to the great work that is being done in various parts of the country. The band of Brethren is yet small at this place. We are all sisters; but through the reading of the paper we feel very much encouraged. We expect brother J. W. Smouse to be with us on the 25th and 26th of April, to preach for us. We are not allowed the privilege of the Dunkard church, from where some of our number have been unjustly driven, so we have our preaching in the school house. We anticipate a pleasant time when brother Smouse comes.

IDA M. GRAZIER.

ROANN, IND.—On the 7th of April, brother J. H. Swihart, of Edna Mills, Indiana, came to our meetings. Continued to the 17th

at which time, from his continued labors he was compelled to rest. The interest manifested at first was good, and continued to increase to the close of the meeting. We believe that all God's children who attended our meetings were made to rejoice and give God the glory. Others who did not profess to know the Lord by experimental knowledge gave the best of attention to the preached word, and were made to realize that it is good to be a Christian. The blessing of God accompanied the labors of brother Swihart in bringing one precious soul to Christ. May God bless her and gently lead her, with us, is our prayer in behalf of all God's children.

Brother Swihart has shown himself a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. May our Heavenly Father spare him for many seasons of usefulness in his vineyard, is our prayer. We expect brother Swihart here again the first of June to continue his labors.

J. L. ZOOK.

LOUISVILLE, O.—Not having seen any report from our place in the EVANGELIST for some time, I thought of penning a few lines to inform the brethren that we are still active. No cause for discouragement. Our prospects for the future are favorable. In the first place we enjoy peace of conscience,—not guilty of expelling our brethren, but extend a fraternal greeting to all the brethren who love God and keep his commandments. Not one year ago we were driven out of house and home and treated as heathen because we would not endorse expulsions. But the Lord has blessed us and now we have a commodious church house in town, a membership of about fifty, good congregations, a promising young Sunday school, the sympathy and respect of our neighbors and peace among ourselves. Bless the Lord for his goodness.

Bro. J. C. Ewing and family stopped with us coming from the East, and stayed over a week and gave us some instructions in music. In consequence of the inclement weather and bad condition of the roads, the attendance was not so large, but those who did attend were much benefited. Sister Ewing is quite an intelligent, amiable young lady and a sweet singer, and made many warm friends during her short stay. They left us with many good wishes and a request to visit us again.

Our esteemed young sister, Emma Snyder, formerly of Ashland, had been seriously afflicted with rheumatism, but is now convalescent, and we hope she will soon join us in worship and Sunday school work.

If any of our ministering brethren pass this way, stop off at Louisville, get acquainted and preach for us. We desire the prayers of all God's children.

JOSIAH KEIM.

LOUISVILLE, O., April 20.—As there has been no report given of our meeting in February, I shall now give a history of it, as our Brethren services were too well appreciated to not be noticed.

We appointed our meeting to commence on the 22nd of February, expecting brother McFaden to preach for us, but as he could not come, brother Keim preached and on the 8th commenced

a few sermons for us. Then brother Brawn unexpectedly dropped in, and preached us some excellent sermons; then brother Hildebrand from Pennsylvania, came and continued the meeting nearly two weeks, resulting in two accessions—one baptized and one reclaimed. We had a good meeting, and although we did not have a large ingathering we were greatly revived and good impressions made on the minds of the people. Brother Hildebrand was our minister in Pennsylvania before we moved to this place, and although he has gone through severe trials and persecutions, yet he is the same Stephen Hildebrand that he always was, fearing nothing and ever ready to defend the Master's cause. He requested me to write out the report of the meeting, but my mind being burdened with sorrow on account of husband taking sick, then daughter Emma taking very sick, nigh unto death, and thinking that some of my brethren or sisters would write, I neglected it, but thanks be to our blessed Jesus, if storms do arise, and clouds of sorrow hang heavily above us and we put our trust in God and pray for help, he will answer prayer. Husband is restored to health, daughter is improving rapidly, the clouds are rolling away and the sun has shone forth, and we are feeling encouraged to resume our labors of life and go on in our Christian duties and make Heaven our home. God bless the brethren and sisters of Louisville for their kindness in the hour of need.

CORNELIA SNYDER.

HAGERSTOWN, MD.—We received one more member Sunday afternoon, 19th inst., by baptism, sister Alice Moats. This sister was very ill, but her faith led her to follow Christ, and she came up out of the water with a smiling countenance. At night another soul came out on the Lord's side. The good work goes on, and we thank God and take courage.

A conservative bishop, the other day, preached a funeral sermon, and took occasion to fire at the so called Progressives. He became warm on the subject and forgot all about the dead, and sat down. Then he said, "Oh, I forgot," and attended to the one in the coffin. The truth preached in that neighborhood, recently, seems to be working.

The other day I was reading Dante's "Inferno,"—that wierd work spun from his brain about the commencement of the 13th century. His words in reference to those who made the Word useless by traditions are as suitable now as they were over five hundred years ago. He says:

"Men, thus at variance with the truth,  
Dream, though their eyes be open, reckless  
some  
Of error; others well aware they err,  
To whom more guilt and shame are justly  
due.

Each the known track of sage philosophy  
Deserts, and has a by-way of his own;  
So much the restless eagerness to shine  
And love of singularity, prevail.  
Yet this, offensive as it is, provokes  
Heaven's anger less, than when the book of  
God

Is forced to yield to man's authority.  
Or from its straightness warp'd: no reckoning made

What blood the sowing of it in the world  
Has cost, what favor for himself he wins,  
Who meekly clings to it. The aim of all  
Is how to shine: e'en they, whose office is  
To preach the gospel, let the gospel sleep,  
And pass their own inventions off instead."

I again have a favor to ask. If any reader has volumes 1, 2 and 3 of the *Progressive Christian*, and Nos. 2 and 42, Vol. 5, and

No. 11, 13, 14, 21, 22 and 35, Vol. 4; also Vols. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, of *Christian Family Companion*, as published by brother Holsinger, and will part with them, let me know. I am trying to secure complete files of publications, and will pay you for such as you will let me have. I would like to secure first few and last few volumes of *Gospel Visitor*, will you not help me in this matter. Those who have done so have my thanks. Truly yours,

JOHN DUKE MCFADEN.

## Letting the Angel Out.

Michael Angelo, one day, walking through the streets of Florence with some friends, observed a block of marble lying neglected in a heap of rubbish. To the amazement of his companions, he fell to work upon it, cleansing it, and seeking to remove it from the slime and mire. Responding to their questions as to his singular conduct, he said, "Oh there's an angel in this stone, and I must let it out!" Removing it to his studio, with patient toil of brain and hand and chisel, he let the angel out. So to the unthinking, many a fellow-creature may seem valueless as the rude, rejected stone; but there is an angel there, a being of measureless powers and possibilities, and you are the artist to let the angel out.

## MARRIED.

MARTIN-DOMER.—At Berlin, Pa., on Sunday, April 19, 1885, by Rev. John H. Knepper, Mr. W. A. Martin, of Pugh, Pa., to Miss Susan Domer of Sand Patch, Pa.

J. H. KNEPPER.

## DIED.

MERCER.—Departed this life April 15, 1885, at Riverton, Reno Co., Kas., infant son of brother E. C., and sister Hattie Mercer: aged five weeks. Funeral services by the writer to a large concourse of neighbors and friends from 1 Thess 4, 13:14.

Mourn not dear father,  
I've gone to a better land,  
Grieve not dear mother,  
In Heaven I'll clasp your hand.  
Brothers, sisters, in waiting,  
Join with the sanctified band,  
To sing the songs angelic,  
In the bright and heavenly land.

JACOB W. BEER.

Nickerson, Kansas.

SHOUP.—Near Zimmerman, Greene county, Ohio, April 10th, 1885, Elizabeth, wife of Henry J. Shoup, aged 60 years, five months, and 18 days. During her sickness, which was of long duration, she was resigned to the will of God, uncomplainingly bore her afflictions, and willingly surrendered the keeping of her soul to Him in whom she lived, moved, and had her being. Funeral services by the writer.

Sister Shoup was a devoted wife, an affectionate mother, and a faithful Christian. She was a member of the Brethren church, a laborer in the vineyard of the Lord many years. Her "godly walk and chaste conversation" among a large circle of friends during so long a time molded for her declining years a Christian character, unimpeachable and worthy of imitation. Her zeal for "the faith which was once delivered to the saints," was so deeply imbedded in her nature, and so compactly interwoven into every fibre of her being, that she preferred to sit, with Mary, at the feet of Jesus, feasting upon his words of heavenly wisdom as they fell from his sacred lips, or as she could read them on the pages of divine truth. One by one these cross-bearing souls are being carried by the angels into "Abraham's bosom," to an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved for them, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time.

May the Lord enable the surviving friends to imitate the example of this sainted sister, that they too may enjoy the blessings in reservation for all who love the Lord Jesus in sincerity.

SAMUEL KIEHL.

Dayton, Ohio, April 17, 1885.